

# WHERE WE ARE HEADING

## Connecting the North West future growth areas to the current urban areas

The Government and Auckland Council are working together to deliver a modern transport system which centres on effective and accessible public transport including light rail, bus rapid transit, heavy rail and ferries. As part of these plans, in early 2018 the Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) announced that two key light rail projects are being accelerated for delivery this decade (2018-2028).

The City Centre to North West light rail line will connect the future northwest growth areas back to current urban and employment areas, providing transport choices and helping these future growth areas to develop in a way that is not highly dependent on private vehicles. It will form the initial centrepiece of a significant longer term 30-year programme of investment being planned under the Supporting Growth Programme.

Other strategic priorities highlighted by ATAP as priorities this decade to support the first stages of the future growth areas include key roading upgrades in early housing areas (e.g. in Whenuapai and Redhills), and the SH16 Safe Roads safety and efficiency upgrade between Brigham Creek and Waimauku.

Further upgrades through the SH16-18 Connection and a new alternative corridor to Kumeū are considered longer term priorities, timed to the release of the next stages of future growth area land.

